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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Ronald Roscoe Bush**

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# For: Secure Encryption of Data Packets for Transmission over Unsecured Networks

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**Examiner: John M. Winter**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February May 18, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 18, 2004, extended to July 18, 2004. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond to the this action. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee due under 37. C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). No additional fees are believed to be required by this amendment; however, in the event any additional fees are required, please charge any such fee to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447**.

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